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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 30 of the Second Extraordinary Session  
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A RESOLUTION to honor James H., Sr. and Birdie Brown, and  
congratulate them for their family's  
accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is with a great deal of pride and much pleasure that this legislative body  
pauses to recognize those special Tennessee families whose members have demonstrated  
extraordinary drive and ability to achieve professional goals which place them in a position to  
contribute much to society; and

WHEREAS, the family of Dr. James H. Brown, Sr., a dentist and Associate Professor of  
Dentistry at Meharry Medical School, and his wife, Birdie Faulkner Brown, is one such gifted  
family. All five Brown children have degrees in medicine or dentistry; and

WHEREAS, James H. and Birdie Faulkner Brown have been married 53 years, having  
met at Alabama A&M College where they were both enrolled. Following their graduation, Mr.  
Brown was persuaded by his mother, Alice Woodyard Brown Ross, a third-grade teacher, and  
his uncle, a dentist, to continue his education in pre-dentistry at Tennessee State University. He  
subsequently earned MS degrees in Zoology and in Education Administration and Supervision;  
and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brown, having earned a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics, and  
by then the mother of two young children, enrolled at TSU to work on a Master's degree in

Education. She taught for a few years before becoming a stay-at-home mother, in the process earning what her children refer to as a PhFT degree-Putting her Family Through; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown set out to mold his children into work-oriented independent adults by taking them to the office as soon as they were old enough to answer the telephone and paying them for their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the result was in keeping with the family tradition as illustrated by Dr. Brown's mother, an educator for 48 years; his father, a restaurant owner; and Birdie Brown's father, the first African American in his community to own a business; and

WHEREAS, son Albert H. Brown, with an MD degree from Meharry Medical College, is engaged in private practice in Chicago and is married to Gwendolyn Hilton Brown, BA, DDS. They are the parents of Dana and Candis; and

WHEREAS, daughter Jacqueline Brown Bryant, with a BS degree in Biology from Brandeis University, a DDS degree from Meharry, and an MS degree, is engaged in private practice in Silver Springs, Maryland and is married to Patrick L. Bryant, BS, DDS; and

WHEREAS, daughter Alice B. Brown, with a BS degree in Physics from Bryn Mawr College, an MD degree from Meharry, and a Ph.D. degree in Biochemistry from Vanderbilt University, is an Instructor and Research Associate at Harvard University School of Medicine, as well as a Necrologist and Research Scientist; and

WHEREAS, daughter Renee C. Brown Pascoe, with a BS degree in Biology from Tennessee State University and an MD degree from Meharry, is married to Handel F. Pascoe, BS, MD. They are the parents of daughters Jasmine and Alexis, and son Brandon; and

WHEREAS, son James H. Brown, Jr., with a BS degree in Biochemistry from Brown University and an MD degree from Pennsylvania School of Medicine, is Assistant Professor of Radiology at New York University School of Medicine and Director of Neurology and Musculoskeletal Radiology at Diagnostic Imaging of Elizabeth, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the noteworthy accomplishments of this multi-talented and hard-working family is a source of great pride to this state and worthy of praise and admiration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Dr. and Mrs. James H. Brown, Sr. and their five remarkable children for their outstanding professional achievements and congratulate them for attaining worthy goals through persistent hard work and the development of God-given talents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.